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The Honorable W. Scott Snowden  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of Napa  
825 Brown Street  
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Judge Snowden:

As required by Penal Code Section 933(c), enclosed are the supplemental responses to the 2001-02 Grand Jury Final Report from the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority. Responses from the Conservation, Development and Planning Commission have been transmitted under separate cover.

The Board would again like to acknowledge the members of the 2001-02 Grand Jury for the time they have devoted in preparing their report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Dodd".

Bill Dodd, Chairman  
Napa County Board of Supervisors

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Enclosure

cc: Foreman, 2001-02 Grand Jury

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## **NAPA-VALLEJO WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

### **FINDING 1:**

The JPA has no staff of its own and is operated by the Napa County Department of Environmental Health staff in a very efficient manner. No single person is assigned full time to the JPA. Two or three of the Department's staff are assigned to the JPA along with their regular duties.

**Response – Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority:** See attached response from the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority

**Response – Department of Environmental Management:** The Director of Environmental Management concurs with the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority's response.

**Response – Board of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Director of Environmental Management's response.

### **RECOMMENDATION 1:**

The JPA should continue to be operated without a staff of its own.

**Response – Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority:** See attached response from the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority

**Response – Department of Environmental Management:** The Director of Environmental Management concurs with the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority's response.

**Response – Board of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Director of Environmental Management's response.

### **FINDING 3:**

The JPA is paying Allied \$54 a ton. It includes the cost of operation of the transfer station, transporting the waste to Keller Canyon and the fees charged by Allied to dispose of the waste at Keller Canyon. Because the \$54 per ton is not broken down, it is not possible to tell if Allied is making more than it should on the cost of the operation of the transfer station, the transportation of the waste and the cost of disposal. The actual cost of burying the waste should be \$8 to \$9 per ton.

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**Response – Board of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Director of Environmental Management's response.

### **RECOMMENDATION 3:**

The JPA should allow no further extensions of Allied's contract, and when the contract expires in 2007 the JPA should open Allied's contract to competitive bidding. The Request for Proposals should require each bidder to itemize the various elements of the bid:

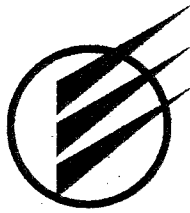
1. Operation of the transfer station
2. Transportation from the transfer station to the landfill
3. Disposal of the waste at the landfill

The JPA could then award the low bid on operations to the lowest bidder for operations. If the low bid for transportation from the transfer station to the landfill was from a different bidder the low operations bidder could be allowed to meet the transportation bid, or there could be bids awarded to different entities to take advantage of both low bids. The low bid for disposal at the landfill could come from yet another bidder. In any event it will be possible to issue a contract at a price which combines the lowest bid for the cost of operation of the transfer station, the cost of transportation and the cost of disposal at a landfill.

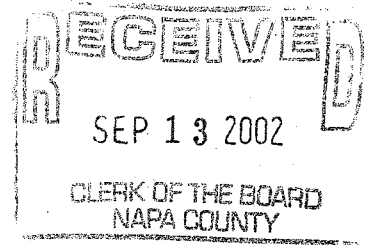
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September 9, 2002

Napa County Grand Jury  
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Napa, CA 94559

Solano County Grand Jury  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Subject: 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report, Responses from the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority is to provide cost effective coordination of solid waste processing, transfer and disposal services, including the acquisition, construction, financing and operation of a transfer facility, and to protect the environment from past solid waste management practices within the service area. The Authority is a separate and unique governmental entity from each of its agency members (City of Vallejo, City of Napa, City of American Canyon and the County of Napa). As such only the Authority Board has direction over the Authority's activities, and not the individual Authority members. Each member appoints a person to serve on the Authority Board of Directors and should monitor their activities, but when serving on the Authority's Board of Directors, the directors serve the entire service area, not just the individual agency member's area.

The Authority members' response was discussed, and even though they could respond separately, the response is the same as the Authority's responses. As such the members response is included within the Authority's response.

The following are the adopted goals and objectives of the Authority:

- The Authority works in cooperation with its member agencies to provide a waste management system, which achieves both the missions of the Authority and its member agencies.
- The Authority is committed to the recycling goals of its member agencies and may act as a conduit to achieve those goals, such as acting as the lead in the development of the "Recycling Market Development Zone".
- The Authority also provides for numerous recycling opportunities on site including, but not limited to, motor oil, batteries, paper, glass, metals, paints and antifreeze.
- The Authority is prohibited by its formation agreement to compete with services provided by its member agencies, therefore no services are provided for the off site collection of waste or recyclable materials.

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